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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the state fire  
2 council needs to employ an administrator and an assistant to  
3 administer, enforce, inspect, and provide oversight for the  
4 reduced ignition propensity cigarette program under chapter  
5 132C, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The fees collected pursuant to  
6 the reduced ignition propensity cigarette program are intended  
7 to be used by the state fire council, are renewable every three  
8 years, and since the program was implemented on September 30,  
9 2009, amount to nearly \$370,000.

10           The purpose of this Act is to create a reduced ignition  
11 propensity cigarette special fund to assist the state fire  
12 council in carrying out its statutory duties.

13           SECTION 2. Chapter 132C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
15 and to read as follows:

16           "§132C-       Reduced ignition propensity cigarette program  
17 special fund. (a) There is established in the state treasury  
18 the reduced ignition propensity cigarette program special fund



1 into which shall be deposited moneys collected pursuant to  
2 section 132C-4 and legislative appropriations. All interest  
3 earned or accrued on moneys deposited in the fund shall become  
4 part of the fund.

5 (b) Moneys in the reduced ignition propensity cigarette  
6 program special fund shall be administered and expended by the  
7 state fire council to defray the actual cost of activities and  
8 requirements of section 132C-4, including employing one full-  
9 time administrator and one full-time assistant whose duties  
10 shall include:

11 (1) Adopting administrative rules for program  
12 implementation, establishing compliance inspections,  
13 and approving forms and enforcement procedures and  
14 guidelines;

15 (2) Receiving certifications for approximately six hundred  
16 different brands and styles of cigarettes from the  
17 manufacturers;

18 (3) Compiling a list of the cigarette brands and styles  
19 for which manufacturers have submitted certifications,  
20 verifying tax stamp compliance with the department of  
21 the attorney general, and posting the list of



1 certified brands and styles on a state website for  
2 informational purposes only;

3 (4) Reviewing and approving, as needed, any alternative  
4 test methods or fire standard compliance markings  
5 submitted by the manufacturer; and

6 (5) If needed, submitting certified cigarettes to an  
7 accredited laboratory for testing to verify that  
8 performance standards have been met."

9 SECTION 3. Section 132C-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
10 amended by amending its title and subsection (a) to read as  
11 follows:

12 "~~§~~**132C-4**~~§~~ **Certification; marking~~-~~; administration.**

13 (a) Each manufacturer shall submit to the state fire council  
14 written certification attesting that each cigarette has been  
15 tested in accordance with, and has met the performance standard  
16 required under section 132C-3. The description of each  
17 cigarette listed in the certification shall include:

- 18 (1) The brand or trade name on the package;  
19 (2) Style, such as light or ultra light;  
20 (3) Length in millimeters;  
21 (4) Circumference in millimeters;  
22 (5) Flavor, such as menthol, if applicable;



- 1 (6) Filter or nonfilter;
- 2 (7) Package description, such as a soft pack or box;
- 3 (8) The mark approved pursuant to subsection (b);
- 4 (9) The name, address, and telephone number of the
- 5 laboratory, if different than the manufacturer that
- 6 conducted the test; and
- 7 (10) The date that the testing occurred.

8 Each cigarette certified under this subsection shall be

9 recertified every three years. For each cigarette listed in a

10 certification, a manufacturer shall pay to the state fire

11 council a \$375 fee. The state fire council is authorized to

12 annually adjust this fee to ensure it defrays the actual costs

13 of the administration and staffing requirements and processing,

14 testing, enforcement, inspection, and oversight activities

15 required by this chapter.

16 The certifications shall be made available to the attorney

17 general for purposes consistent with this chapter."

18 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed

19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



**Report Title:**

Fire Protection; Reduced Ignition Propensity Cigarette Program  
Special Fund

**Description:**

Establishes the Reduced Ignition Propensity Cigarette Program Special Fund to be funded by fees collected from cigarette manufacturers to administer and provide staff for the Reduced Ignition Propensity Cigarette Program. Authorizes the State Fire Council to employ administrative staff. Authorizes the State Fire Council to adjust fees. Effective July 1, 2030.  
(HB605 HD2)

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